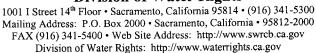


State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Rights





CERTIFICATE NO.: 5255

DATE OF FILING: December 31, 1997

Under the provisions of Article 2.5, Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Water Code,

Daniel M. & Debbie Jo Bates HC 4 Box 204B Porterville, CA 93257

has filed a claim of water right for stockpond construction prior to January 1, 1969, and has applied to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for evidence of such water right.

It appears from evidence provided by the claimant and from such other information as has been obtained by the SWRCB that the stockpond described herein had a capacity of 10 acre-feet or less on January 1, 1975; that the stockpond was constructed prior to January 1, 1969; that the stockpond is used primarily for stockwatering purposes; and that the stockpond was not involved in water rights litigation between private parties prior to January 1, 1974.

Therefore, the SWRCB certifies that the above-named claimant has complied with the statute and has a water right within the meaning of Water Code section 1226.1, to collect and hold in storage 1.0 acre-feet of water for stockwatering, including domestic and recreational use which is incidental to stockwatering use, at the following location:

On Unnamed Stream tributary to Deer Creek thence Tulare Lake Basin and the Point of Diversion is located at 200,950 feet North and 2,100,500 feet East by California Coordinate System, Zone 5 and is within the SW1/4 of NW1/4 of section 32, T23S, R31E, MDB&M in the County of Tulare.

The Claimant's water right priority of this certificate is December 31, 1997, the date of filing, and is subject to all prior water rights.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

DATED: APR 1 2 2001

Chief, Division of Water Rights